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# SPRING BREAK

## Safety tips for students who plan on travelling next week

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Spring break is right around the corner and East Carolina University is taking the necessary steps to stay safe.

Deputy Chief Ted Sauls knows that while spring break is a time of fun, it also has a lot of potential dangers that students need to be aware of.

“For any students who are planning to go out of town, personal safety is key,” said Chief Sauls. “Lock your stuff up, cars, homes, etc. People are looking for an easy target so when you leave your home, leave a light on and have someone pick up your mail; deliveries are a calling card for burglaries.”

Peter Romary, a lawyer and ECU alumnus, came to

talk to Alpha Phi about risk and legal issues that students face over spring break. That includes, underage drinking, the use of fake ID’s, sexual assault, and personal safety, online/social media safety, and awareness and traffic laws issues.

“It is important that students are aware of their rights and their legal obligations. I spent a lot of time talking to classes and to groups while I was at ECU and, I think, we were way ahead of the curve compared to other universities,” said Romary.

Spring break has the reputation for chaos and typically has young adults succumbing to peer pressure.

Spring Break is known for things getting out of control and young adults succumbing to peer pressure. In his talk, Romary

spoke in advance on this topic and provided scenarios for the group.

“With spring break coming up, I thought it would be a good time to discuss the consequences of underage drinking. As well as being safe downtown and being smart, especially when it comes some girls are going out of the country,” said Ashley McGuire, a member of Alpha Phi.

Data from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism indicated that about four out of five college students drink. And that about 50 percent of college students who drink, consume alcohol through binge drinking.

While some students will choose to stay in Greenville for spring break, many will be traveling back home, to sandy beaches, or even other parts of the world to have a good time.

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Tips to stay safe when travelling

“You may know how things are done in Greenville, but not everywhere else is the same,” said Chief Sauls. “Study ahead and know the areas you are traveling. Find out what type of crimes happen around that area and what you need to stay safe.”

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# Versatile senior hits career twilight

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Four years ago, Jeff Lebo recalls sitting in a high school gym in Charlotte to watch Paris Roberts-Campbell’s first senior night. Already signed on to play his college basketball at ECU, the 19-year-old shooting guard put on a shooting display to remember in his final home game at United Faith Christian Academy.

When asked about that night, Roberts-Campbell colorfully described several details about the game to a tee — recounting that he “hit 10 3s and had 43 points.” A few weeks later, Lebo watched the future Pirate perform in a state playoff game and, once again, the high school senior impressed.

“It was unbelievable. He must have made 12 3s, maybe more, in a game,” said Lebo. “I’ll never forget a Florida assistant was sitting while watching someone else and we had already had him signed. He said, ‘You’ve got a steal there right there.’”

Roberts-Campbell is now a senior at ECU and the only four-year scholarship player on the roster. Tonight he will play his final game inside Minges Coliseum against Temple.

The lanky, 6-foot-3 Roberts-Campbell — who was once called “Ray” as a freshman because of a jump shot his teammates thought was reminiscent of the NBA’s all-time 3-point leader, Ray Allen — does not possess the body of ECU’s last NBA draft pick, Blue Edwards; nor the athleticism of

former Pirate greats Lester Lyons or Maurice Kemp; nor is the high-volume 3-point shooter his former ECU teammate Akeem Richmond was in recent years.

However, there are few players in program history that can attach their names to more ECU wins than Paris Roberts-Campbell — albeit he is not the type of player who wants to be defined by individual accolades, though.

In fact, when asked to select a single memory that meant the most to him during his time at ECU, he didn’t bring up the career-high 22 points he scored at storied Cameron Indoor Stadium in 2013 in which he tallied nine of the Pirates’ final 11 points to lead ECU back from a 17 points down in the second half to beat Norfolk State and set up a memorable date with Duke. He didn’t even bring up ECU’s CIT Championship from the previous season.

Instead, he chose a regular season game at Minges Coliseum where he was not the one in the spotlight — playing the role of hero — but rather a game that culminated with somebody else’s good fortune.

“Probably the most memorable moment was here in Minges when Corvonn Gaines ... hit the game-winning shot against Central Florida [in 2013],” the softly spoken Roberts-Campbell said. “[Gaines] is like my big brother and everybody always said that he couldn’t shoot ... and I was very happy for him that he was able to hit that shot.”

Roberts-Campbell’s senior campaign has been marred by injuries and as a result, he has come off the bench while his playing time has subsequently, taken a dip. Lebo said Roberts-Campbell has been “probably 75-percent [healthy]” all season in an interview earlier this week and the senior has averaged just 4.6 points per game. Prior to his injuries, Roberts-Campbell had played in all of ECU’s 100 games

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A8 Guard Robinson ends Minges journey

A8 Pirates set to face Temple

over the last three seasons, which included starts in the final 52 games of that stretch.

“I’ve never in my life sat out because of an injury,” Roberts-Campbell said. “Just sitting, watching while we were struggling, it was kind of tough.”

But don’t let the unfortunate conclusion to Roberts-Campbell’s collegiate career dilute the overall product of what he helped accomplish at ECU.

When he arrived on campus in 2011, Pirate basketball was an afterthought and now it’s relevant in the Greenville community. That was made clear when a few hundreds of fans packed Pitt-Greenville Airport at 4 a.m. to greet Roberts-Campbell and the Pirates after their CIT title in 2013 and when nearly 7,000 fans packed Minges Coliseum (the largest crowd since 2007) amidst icy weather conditions when UConn came to town last week.

So when ECU hosts Temple tonight, you will see Roberts-Campbell likely defending the opponent’s best player and doing several of the little things that are often times overlooked, yet are essential in winning basketball games.

But that’s exactly who Paris Roberts-Campbell is. He won’t defy gravity with flashy dunks or wow you with any of his physical trails, but — much like his personality — he’ll quietly go about his business, playing his role, in trying to help the Pirates win.

And he wouldn’t want to have it any other way.

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BRIEFS

Pedestrian hit in Greenville

An intoxicated pedestrian was struck by a vehicle yesterday morning in Greenville. Linwood Williams, was in the middle of the road at Evans Street and Arlington Boulevard and not within the crosswalk.

Williams was issued a verbal warning and treated at Vidant for non-life threatening injuries. The driver will not be charged.

Plazas to be added to new parking garage

The downtown parking garage finished last month, but construction around it continues. The plazas are apart of the original design of the \$5.1 million garage and are being constructed around the deck.

City Council also approved \$50,000 to Barnhill Contracting Co. to improve the north and south walls of what is considered 423 Evans Street.

ONLINE

- Anthem security breach may affect faculty emails
- Students prepare for registration
- Stay Safe Fair helps students prepare for spring break activities

*Corrections/Clarifications*

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ECO-pirates and The East Carolinian would like to remind you to recycle this paper.



Students walk through the snow and ice-covered walkways outside of Sci-Tech during winter storm Octavia which hit Greenville on February 17.

ECU talks snow day process

Kelsey Padgett and Anna Parrish  
TEC STAFF

With all of the recent winter weather Greenville has been experiencing, East Carolina University administrators has taken extra efforts to make sure to keep students safe.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Environment Health and Campus Safety Bill Koch said that he and his team go out to ride the roads and walk the campus early every morning that there is a question in safety due to weather.

“We’re out on the roads, for a morning weather event that might affect an 8 a.m. start, we’re out on the road by 4:30, 5 o’clock in the morning, actually driving the roads around and leading to campus,” said Koch. “Then we’re coming on campus and checking the roads, the parking lots and the sidewalks.”

Koch said listening to and watching the weather is another key to making decisions regarding safety.

“We’re a storm ready university,” said Koch. “We have some really good connections with the local National Weather Service folks.”

Administrators can sit in on conference calls with the National Weather Service and have the ability to ask questions specific to Greenville. Greenville is not the only area of concern though.

“I was a commuter student, so I

always think about our commuter students,” said Koch.

Koch says he looks at weather advisories in Raleigh and even into the far east, but if the weather in Greenville is not a direct threat then classes will run on schedule.

Pitt County Schools’ weather policy is different from ECU’s in that if one area of the county is unsafe to travel, then all schools in the county will close. This is because the school system does not access closings on a school by school basis.

Pitt County Schools’ uses the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association website and communicates heavily with county emergency when making decisions about closing school.

Coordinator of Public Information and Community Outreach for Pitt County Brock Letchworth said the goal of Pitt County Schools’ is to not only make decisions that keep the students safe, but also do so in a timely manner to “try to be considerate of the families and people watching their kids.”

He said the Superintendent Ethan Lenker and himself stay in communication during bad weather and ultimately make the decision together as to whether or not schools will close.

Koch also said that communication is

key during bad weather.

While at ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard is the one person who can officially cancel classes campus-wide, Koch said Ballard remains in contact with teams accessing safety all over Greenville before making the call.

During bad weather, ECU works to put out a message to students at least two hours before that projected start of the school day.

It was this policy that received backlash on Feb. 16 from students and parents alike after an ECU Alert closing campus wasn’t sent out until 9:40 a.m. when students were originally told campus would open at 11 a.m.

Koch said he stands by this team’s course of action on that day. According to him, when they were driving the roads during the early morning and walking the campus most of the ground was wet, but not frozen. Later in the morning, as the temperature began to drop and the ground began to freeze, the call was made to close campus.

The early decision to delay classes until 11 a.m. was made based on projected forecasts the night before.

“[Forecasts are] based on a lot of data,” said Koch. “It’s based on a lot of great analysis, but it still can have errors in it.”

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SGA names its Chief of Staff

Bowers replaces Hartman on executive board after resignation

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The Student Government Association has named the new Chief of Staff to be Andrew Bowers, following Courtney Hartman’s resignation.

Bowers, junior economics major, previously served as the Local and State Affairs director for Student Government.

On Monday evening, it was confirmed that the Senate, along with the executive branch, approved Bowers to become the new Chief of Staff.

Courtney Hartman, junior communication major, was the previous Chief of Staff and had to resign from her position due to the balance of her other responsibilities.

Hartman explained that she had a full plate, including the position of Panhellenic President and internship searching.

Hartman said that the decision was made in the best interest of Student Government.

Although she said that Chief of Staff was a position that she was very passionate about, at the end of the day her heart was not in it anymore.

“After trying my best to balance both positions on campus for the first half of spring semester,” said Hartman, “I realized that it was more draining than rewarding to continue with Student Government.”

One of the biggest duties for Chief of Staff, according to Bowers, is to manage the cabinet and make sure that the goals they want to achieve are getting done.

If one of the association’s plans costs money, it is now Bowers’ responsibility to make sure that they proceed with the right steps to do so.

Bowers will have to make sure that all of



Andrew Bowers

SGA is on the same page so that they can have as much support throughout the branches as possible.

Lastly, Bowers explained that he will need to make sure that there is SGA attendance at all school events and that the students are informed about what is happening.

“Right now I’m worried about making ECU a better place for students who are coming here in the future,” said Bowers.

Bowers explained that until SGA finds someone to replace his previous position, he will still be fulfilling the duties of Local and State Affairs Director.

He plans to focus solely on Student Govern-

ment in order to make sure the job gets done.

Bowers said that Jake Srednicki, current SGA President, has told him that he has always believed that Bowers would be successful and that he knew he would attend Senate and discussion board meetings.

“College students forget that they don’t need to be in a ton of organizations,” said Bowers. “If you can find that one organization that you really enjoy and are effective in, you should stick with that and focus on it in order to be able to thrive in that position.”

Bowers is confident in his abilities and is eager to step up in his new role as the Chief of Staff.

“I’ve brought that mentality to my old position and have been able to help out my cabinet members,” said Bowers.

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# Program offers service projects

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FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As students enter the last few days of hectic last minute midterm studying and essay writing, many pirates are looking forward to their much deserved break next week.

“We’ve been going to school for so long, its time to take a break and set off on an adventure” said Ana Tavira, a sophomore studying psychology.

Most students are looking for escape and somewhere to relax, others are looking for memorable adventures. Many, however, are using their free time to help others.

East Carolina University offers several options for student looking for a different kind of Spring Break experience. All part of East Carolina’s “Alternate Spring Break” or ABE program, it offers students opportunities for adventure, fun, or memorable experiences of philanthropy.

Some students will be traveling south for a few days of canoeing and water fun. The trip, sponsored by the Adventure Program of East Carolina will be lead by trip leader Brittany Drippany.

“I’m super excited,” said Drippany, “The group this year is small and nobody really knows each other, so I’ll be able to observe and facilitate friendships throughout the trip.”

Drippany says that the trip, hosted by the Adventure program each year, is a unique experience and allows for students to get out into nature and get away from the stress of college life.

“It is a great opportunity to invest into a wholesome, family friendly experience and give students memories that will last a lifetime,” said Drippany.

She also said that trips like the one she is leading is a great way for students to get more invested in protecting the environment and really get first hand knowledge of the world around us.

“It’s really just a unique experience to get outside and have an adventure that really makes you familiar about the natural resources that we have in the areas around us, and learn to care about the environment” said Drippany, “It really makes people care more.”

The Alternate Break Experience program also offers a variety of opportunities for students to reach out and help out in

our community as well as communities across the country. The program is sponsoring trips to Baltimore, Maryland, Atlanta, Ga. and Atlantic Beach, N.C. to do a variety of philanthropic work, from cleaning up trash to serving in soup kitchens.

Nichelle Shuck, the Associate Director for Student Leadership and Educational Programs said that the ABE programs are a great way to get involved in the community.

“The mission of ABE is to create active citizens, leaders and advocates for lasting change,” said Shuck, “Students should be inspired to take advantage of these programs because we’re all members of this community.”

East Carolina University offers ABE programs every year, and encourages students who are interested in bettering their community or environment to get involved.

“I really think students should take advantage of the opportunities” said Shuck, “Being active is how you become part of a community and make it better.”

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# State senate bill may limit gay rights

## Senate allows officiates to decline facilitating marriage on religious grounds

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The North Carolina state Senate had an emotional two-hour debate last week over a bill that would allow magistrates and some register of deeds office employees to opt out of facilitating marriages on religious grounds.

The bill would allow deputy and assistant registrars of deeds, who issue marriage licenses, and magistrates, who perform marriages, to opt out of those duties based on “any sincerely held religious objection” without penalty.

“It disgusts me to know that we are taking a step back from the progress we have made,” said Rachel Cook, sophomore communication major. “It was a breakthrough when gay marriage was legal in North Carolina, but now NC State Senate is trying to limit these individuals’ freedom.



Jessica Johnson (left) and partner Sarah Hemminger (right) model their wedding bands after marrying in Pitt county.

Senate Bill 2 would make bad law.”

Proponents argued that the bill would allow state employees who object to gay marriage to not have to assist those couples, while not inhibiting same-sex couples from marrying.

Opponents of the exemption say public officials can’t pick and choose which duties they’ll execute and consider it thinly veiled discrimination.

“I don’t understand why this is still an issue,” said Katy Smith, freshman psychology major. “Gay marriage is legal here and couples of the same sex should be able to trust that they could easily get married just like any other marriage. I don’t understand why legislatures continue to

create barriers for same sex couples.”

According to Q Notes’ report, although the bill does not directly mention same-sex couples or marriage equality, LGBT advocates and democrats in the state legislature were quick to note that equality opponents are increasingly using claims of “religious freedom” as cover to legally discriminate against same-sex couples. Much of the Senate debate focused on whether state employees should be able to decide whom they serve based on their own religious beliefs.

Senators voted 32-16 in favor of the Senate Bill 2, which was filed by Senate President Phil Berger (R-Rockingham). Guilford County Senators Trudy Wade and Berger voted in favor of the bill. Sen. Gladys Robinson, democrat, voted in opposition.

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Pirates set sail for break

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Spring break destinations such as Panama City, Myrtle Beach and Miami have been popular destinations for decades, each location providing spring breakers with a unique experience. Panama City, Florida is located in Bay County and has been very popular for Spring Break.

In 2006, MTV visited the city and included it in their series of Spring Break concerts, contests and parties. According to the official website for Panama City spring break, Panama City is the “Spring Break Capital of the World.”

In fact, there are students of Pirate Nation taking on the adventures of Panama City.

“This year we decided that we would go to Panama City Beach because it’s the place for spring break and we knew it would be somewhere in our budget,” said Bridget Cullipher, sophomore recreational therapy major. “Everyone we have talked to has said that it’s definitely a crazy time and we should go one time just for the experience.”

Although, Panama City is not the only place students will be taking advantage of this spring break. Some pirates are actually



Hundreds of students relax on the beaches of Panama City for spring break.

taking a cruise and then some will be flying out of the country.

“Over the course of winter break, I was sitting down talking to my friend. It was nonchalantly mentioned to go to Puerto Rico. After a while we began to plan it. It seemed unreal,” said Jonathan McDougale, sophomore communication major. “Were going on a speed boat excursion, atv riding and we may be kayaking.”

Cruises have also become widely popular spring break choices for students. Katie Stephens, senior double major in

Biology and Chemistry will be taking a cruise with her friends to the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and Antigua.

“We wanted to go somewhere warm and relaxing compared to places like Panama City,” said Stephens. “I personally have been on this cruise before and I liked it plus they had a really good deal so we decided to go with it.”

Some students describe spring break as their inspiration to finish the second half of the semester. Cullipher is looking forward to this break because her

schedule is extremely busy. “Spring break is always an exciting week for me because I work 25 hours a week and take 17 hours of classes so I really don’t have much of a social life,” said Cullipher. “I have saved up my money for spring break and I have used that as motivation to get through the first half of second semester.”

Cullipher said she and her group have already prepared themselves to make responsible decisions.

“I know that our group needs to be responsible when consuming alcohol and it’s very important to stay together,” said Cullipher. “I look forward to having a great time and creating a lot of memories but the number one priority is to maintain responsibility and make it home safe.”

Whether you are taking a trip to Florida or going home to visit family, relax this Spring Break and have fun in your own way.

“When going on a Spring Break trip, stick to your friends. If you are trying to drink and be carefree, you need to have people watching your back,” said Bell. “Never go alone and make wise decisions.”

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ECU welcomes 'She's the First'

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International Women’s Day was held yesterday and featured the national organization, She’s the First which will be coming to campus this semester.

Keerthana Velappan, sophomore in the East Carolina Honors College, will be the ECU chapter’s first president and is responsible for bringing the organization to the campus.

“She’s the First is a national non-profit organization that works to raise awareness and raise money for girls’ education in low-income countries,” said Velappan.

Velappan came across She’s the First when looking for summer teaching internships near her home in Tamil Nadu, India. India was one of the first countries to connect with She’s the First, and has a strong partnership with the organization.

“In the end, the internship didn’t work because I had different plans but on their blog they had mentioned She’s the First and I thought ‘oh this is something I could do,’” said Velappan.

She’s the First has chapters at high schools and colleges all over the United States. The only other She’s the First chapters in North Carolina are at Elon University and UNC Asheville. UNC Chapel Hill will also be starting their chapter this semester.

“It has a unique purpose on campus, such as not having other organizations with a similar purpose,” said Velappan.

Campus chapters across the United States contribute to the organization by holding two events each semester. One fundraising event and one awareness event.

“To do what they want to do, they have to raise money, so the way the chapters work is they have fundraisers every semester,” said Velappan.

The theme for She’s the First fundraising in the fall is a bake sale competition between college chapters across the country and the theme for the spring semester is “Sweat for STF.”

“For our fundraising event for this semester, we’re trying to have a Zumba class and it would just be donation based. For our aware-



Keerthana Velappan

ness event we’re showing two documentaries and having discussions on them,” said Velappan. Velappan expects this fundraiser to be held in April.

She’s the First has ten partner schools in ten different countries and Velappan hopes that with the money raised by the ECU chapter, they would be able to sponsor a girl in another country.

With the money we raise at the end of the semester, the different partner schools have different sponsorship levels, or amounts, so we would be partnered with a girl hopefully and we could write her letters. We would be able to know who the money is going towards,” said Velappan.

Velappan hopes being featured in International Women’s Day got the organization some recognition on campus.

“Being a very new organization, I think more than anything its just raising awareness about not only the cause but also our organization on campus and what we want to accomplish this semester,” said Velappan.

Velappan looks forward to seeing the ECU chapter make a real impact.

“Having as many girls sponsored as possible would be wonderful, then that would give us a tangible reason to collect more money,” said Velappan. The club will also have lots of leadership and expansion opportunities.

“Maybe even broadening the focus to women’s empowerment and raise awareness about other issues related to being a female,” said Velappan.

Velappan already has an executive board but hopes the members are people who want to be involved. Boys are welcome to join too.

“Its definitely not for just girls. We want males to be in the club too,” said Velappan.

The next meeting will be held on March 18 at 8:30 p.m. in Bate.

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Exhibit celebrates students' work

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The School of Art and Design will be hosting the 2015 Undergraduate Exhibit in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery.

The exhibit will be open from March 6 until Apr. 3 and will include a Judge’s Talk by an ECU alumnus as well as an Awards Ceremony.

Tom Braswell, interim director at Gray Gallery, said The Undergraduate Exhibit showcases the best work from all of the departments in the School of Art and Design that students have done in the previous year.

“It’s a great time for the undergraduate students to show their best work and also compete for awards,” said Braswell.

Faculty members in each studio area select the pieces for the exhibit, however, the students have input on which piece they would like to submit.

“What happens is in conversation with their faculty members, [the students] decide what’s the best piece they have to put into

the exhibition,” said Braswell.

Students have completed all of the pieces in the exhibit over the past year. According to Braswell, most students have work in the show.

“I think typically many of the students in the School of Art and Design have work in this exhibit,” said Braswell.

On occasions, there are circumstances that prevent students from participating in the exhibit.

“I know that sometimes for various reasons some students don’t have a piece that they, and or the faculty, feel is really for exhibition, so in that case they may not have a piece,” said Braswell. “Although we hope that everybody that has a work of good quality would have something in the show.”

In addition to the exhibit, the School of Art and design hosted a Judges Talk on Wednesday with an Awards Ceremony today.

The Judge’s talk will be by Susan Fecho, an ECU alumnus who is a professor at Barton College as well as the chair of the

Barton College Department of Art.

According to Braswell, the Judge’s Talk will be about Fecho’s experience as an artist.

“All of the judges that I have brought in and as far as I know the ones that my predecessor brought in, were not only art educators or curators, or whatever, but artists in their own right,” said Braswell.

Braswell said Fecho has an art background in both textiles and graphic design, and combines a lot of other media in her work.

“I try and select someone who is perhaps a gallery or museum curator or chair of an art program,” said Braswell.

The Awards Ceremony will be honoring many students for their work. Braswell said the amount of awards ranges between 30 and 40.

Although there are some cash prizes, braswell said, “It’s more about recognition than actual money.”

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Students will showcase their art work, like the one above, at the Undergraduate Exhibit starting March 6.



# New business introduced to art walk

## Uptown Greenville continues to expand efforts to diversify events

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Every first Friday of the month, the different galleries of Uptown Greenville, Emerge Gallery and Art Center, Uptown Art Supply and Gallery, and Art Avenue Contemporary Art Center, feature different pieces in their art exhibits for the First Friday Artwalk.

“We really try to circulate the various [art] mediums,” said Simeon Asher, an Art Avenue board member and Uptown Art employee. “If we had a photography exhibit last month, we wouldn’t do it again in March.”

Exhibits hosted feature many different mediums of art including paintings, textiles, photography, ceramics and many more.

On the Wall is an annual art exhibition that will be featured at Emerge during the next First Friday Artwalk. All forms of

art and subject matter were eligible for entry to the exhibition, but it had to be able to be hung on the wall.

Artwork accepted was nationally juried, which means it was reviewed by a national panel and evaluated for inclusion in the show. Artists also had to pay an application fee for entry of their pieces into this show.

Emerge also held ‘The Tiny Art Show’ at last month’s art walk. All artwork was required to fit a specific size requirement, but all pieces were accepted free of charge and without being juried as opposed to the ‘On the Wall’ exhibit.

Art Avenue is hosting a show called ‘Fugheads’ on Friday that will present the ceramic mug pieces of artist and ECU graduate student, Andy Denton.

“As long as [an artist’s] works fit in with the parameters of what we’re calling for they have the option of submitting an application fee and their work being juried,” said Asher.

The galleries have different methods when looking for and obtaining art for their shows. Local artists, such as graduating art students, contact the galleries to present their art and the galleries also reach out to artists personally or send out ‘calls for entries.’

“We really try to involve as many people as possible,” said Asher.

The different artwork portrayed at the First Friday Artwalk attracts many different people, including students.

“It’s not just arts students in college, I’ve had conversations with sport enthusiasts at these events,” said Asher. “We’ve had fraternity and greek life come in and view some of the work we have. The variety is really present when it comes to these events.”

This month’s art walk will start at 5 p.m tomorrow night.

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# ECU health major creates personal training business

**Keionna Perry**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Jasmine Evans, sophomore health and fitness major, had an opportunity as a collegiate basketball player but decided to pursue a health and fitness lifestyle as a personal trainer.

Evans says that she became a trainer because she likes to help people reach their goals and also help them live a better and healthier lifestyle than before.

“Being that the obesity rates are going up, I would like to have every impact that I can to touch someone’s touch life,” said Evans. “A lot of people don’t think that exercise is important and the reason I do what I do is to help them understand that it is a big factor in everyone’s life. By making someone else’s life better makes me feel great.”

Evans explained that her inspiration for becoming a personal trainer came from her older cousin. “It started off with her being my mentor for basketball and she was already a personal trainer,” she said. “I used to be around her a lot and it made me realize that was the path I wanted to pursue when I got to college.”

By shadowing her cousin she was able to learn more about the field, which helped her realize personal training was something she wanted to do here at ECU. She is also her own inspiration due to the fact that she has always had to motivate herself and she believes most people’s downfall is that they don’t



Jasmine Evans

have anyone to inspire them.

Evans owns a clothing line called Clutch Fitness which goes along with her training. “I was sitting at home one day and I thought about the name, once I thought about the name I made an Instagram account and people were starting to feel it,” she said. “My mentor has her own clothing company so I thought why not start my own clothing line.”

Evans explained that when you do the same workouts over and over again that you don’t see any results because you aren’t pushing your body. Her favorite things to do when working out are push-ups, pull ups and sit ups which implement natural strength training and cardio.

Evans hopes that one day she will go corporate and partner up with another company or start her own company designing health and fitness programs for different schools ranging from preschool to college and also within different workplaces. “I [also] want to be a skills and agility trainer working with basketball teams, helping them with agility coordination and speed,” she said.

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If the ECU mall was lined up with food stands/trucks with capitalism shining all its glory, then I wouldn't waste \$7 each lunch to eat on campus food that taste like garbage.

Met the girl of my dreams today... and then saw the ring on her finger.

Sometimes I think people sing obnoxiously just to make people look at them so they can get pissed off that people are looking at them.

Spitting on the sidewalk is a disgusting thing to do. Nobody wants to step into your loogie going to class.

Gotta love SafeRide with hilarious drunk people.

I've been here two and a half years and I still cannot get over how many gorgeous ECU boys grace this campus everyday. Gahh.

I hate my phone. Snapchats are too clear so they make me look bad.

ISIS may be omniscient fanatics to a man, but every group like them says they'll crush the Great Satan and conquer the world. Empty threats don't justify a massive military response, especially when our past military involvement in the area helped create the context which spawned the group making them.

This online psych of personality class. Smh... Literally I can't.

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Our view

Holiday sends wrong message

Recently at the Academy Awards, actress Patricia Arquette delivered a brief but powerful speech regarding gender equality, specifically in the form of employment paychecks. The message went viral unsurprisingly because feminism, or at least varying interpretations of the word, has been a hot topic in the media.

Meanwhile, Tuesday marked the holiday, International Women's Day, which seems to be picking up steam as a day we should recognize more seriously.

It is the opinion of this editorial staff that this is a respectable movement at times, but we are left wondering, why, in the year 2015, does society still need to clarify that person A and person B should be paid

the same amount if production is on equal grounds, regardless of gender, race, etc.?

Our editorial staff has noticed that people are commonly confusing the feminism movement for female superiority or even male oppression, most notably because false leaders of the movement are misrepresenting the group.

Hopefully in the not too distant future, people will understand that equality is equality – no strings attached and we won't find the need for an International Women's Day. But in the meantime, we will keep celebrating the factions that divide our society.

Fifty Shades of change



Zach Elsam  
TEC STAFF

It's no dark secret that Fifty Shades of Grey has dramatically impacted popular culture over the course of the past few years. Whether it be from the books, movie or the whips and chains—most people are simply left confused as to what to think.

Is this phenomenon just filthy smut that insults traditional institutions of morality? Or is it just the next large leap into a society where seemingly abnormal concepts of thought are now something 'normal' people have to learn to accept in others.

As is the common theme for 21st century debate, the answer involves a little of both. Throughout the course of the series, the ethical problem within is adequately addressed, calmed and resolved but still leaves an air of unsettlement.

From one perspective, the series presents all of the wonderful aspects of the new age sexual revolution. Through its deliverance, the freedom to be shameless in sexual fulfillment and promiscuity, enabling a hook-up culture where anyone is free to love and practice with whomever and however they choose with no consequences.

But then those of the opposite viewpoint

see that same sexual revolution as more of a 'get-away-free card' for the privileged hierarchy to take advantage of the weak. It's a revolution where the rich, powerful and beautiful are portrayed as a higher standard of person, and therefore have leeway to prey on and exploit the less emotionally fortuitous.

The outcome one would expect from both opinions is plain conflict. Instead, this generation prefers to pursue synthesis as a more positive solution. A society where the exploitative thrills are considered exciting and safe, thereby transforming the entire debate into a terms of sexual preference instead of an argument over what is considered 'right' or 'wrong'.

Fifty Shades of Grey is a culmination of this generation's willingness to accept this synthesis. The story itself is perfectly crafted to fit the formula: a dream of being chased, whipped, and seduced by a manifestation of the upper-upper class. A man who is mysterious and dangerous, but ultimately vulnerable who is just looking to prove himself as a man. The novels are molded in such a way in that it draws a new line for the reader right after its crossed the last, making it edgy and 'irresistible' to put down.

So what is the hope for fans of Fifty Shades of Grey who believe the lifestyle(s) portrayed by

Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele should be emulated and lauded in everyday life? Simply put, all the fun of a wild, sexual experience without any of the negative consequences. A world where combinations of contraception, age-of-consent, abortion and strict contracts for 'making a move' are commonplace, so that everyone can enjoy one another's company with seamless, euphoric peace of mind.

It's a noble thought, but it could also be a slippery slope. Is it not out of the realm of thought to believe, now that a crude, warped version of BDSM is conversation material, that the next lines will start to be crossed? Prostitution, pornography, rampant hook-up culture, polygamy; are these just the next dominoes to fall in this millennial sexual revolution?

These are merely ideas and theories, not novel critiques. Ironically, the morality debate actually furthers the achievement of what author E.L. James has accomplished. In just one trilogy, she's unchained society's stranglehold on morality and as a result made readers cringe, bite their lip, and turn just one more moist page.

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Math CAVE doesn't add up



Kristen Murphy  
GUEST COLUMNIST

As anyone who has taken Math 1065 here at East Carolina University knows, despite meeting once a week in class for lecture, students have to work a mandatory three hours per week in the CAVE, Located in the basement of the library, the CAVE acts as more of a punishment than a college algebra aid.

The Department of Mathematics here at ECU decided a change was needed in how college algebra was approached in 2011 as a result of high failure rates and budget concerns. After getting a new chair of the department from the University of Georgia and hearing how things were done there and at other schools, primarily Louisiana State University, the department decided we would follow suit and redesign the way ECU taught the course.

The redesign incorporates MyMathLab, an online tool where all of the homework, quizzes, and tests are located. Students now meet once a week for the basic concepts on how to do problems, then face the more challenging work on their own in the CAVE. Many students agreed that MyMathLab makes the math harder and more complicated, particularly because it only accepts answers in a certain format.

According to the official DWF Rates at ECU—students who received a D, F, or withdrew for any reason from Math 1065—in the fall of 2010, the face-to-face DWF rate was at 33 percent when the course was still approached traditionally. After the class was redesigned, the rate of face-to-face DWFs remained at 33 percent in the fall of 2012, and had dropped only to 32.76 percent in the fall of 2014 showing little to no change.

Some are concerned that meeting once a week isn't a sufficient amount of time for curriculum to be taught to students. Math 1065 Professor Ron Williams said he worries "concepts aren't coming totally across. [The class] is focused more on the how and not the why... If you don't know the why, you can't know the how." Many students learn math by being

taught by the teacher, but with the CAVE students must teach themselves concepts they've never seen before.

A survey is to be administered at the end of the semester to examine the perceptions of MyMathLab, however; none of the students I talked to who took Math 1065 in the last two years had been given the survey.

While the CAVE may have been great in theory—a strongly hypothetical theory—it isn't as successful in practice. Students' grades are suffering as much as they did before because they have no choice but to spend three hours in the basement and that isn't conducive to everyone's schedule or learning styles. The CAVE would be more beneficial to students as an option, a place where they go willingly for additional help if needed, while others continue doing work on their own without being penalized. This way all students can take the approach that works best for them without feeling forced to do something that in the end only hinders them more.

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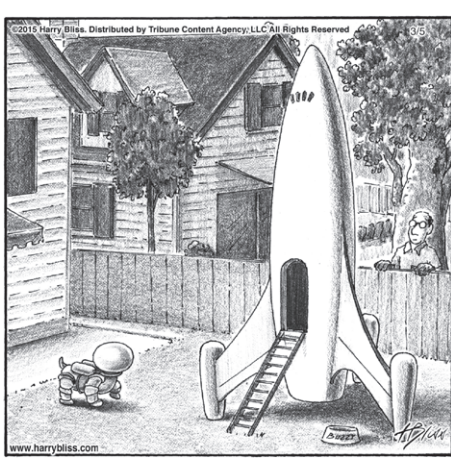
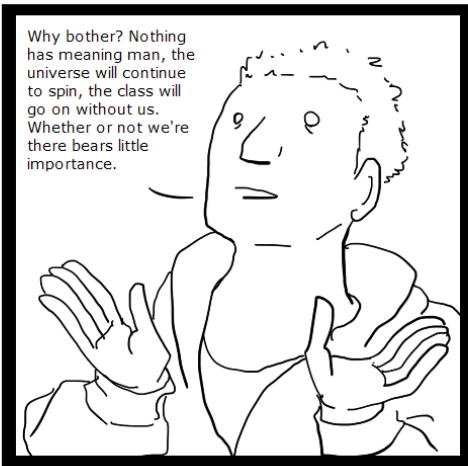
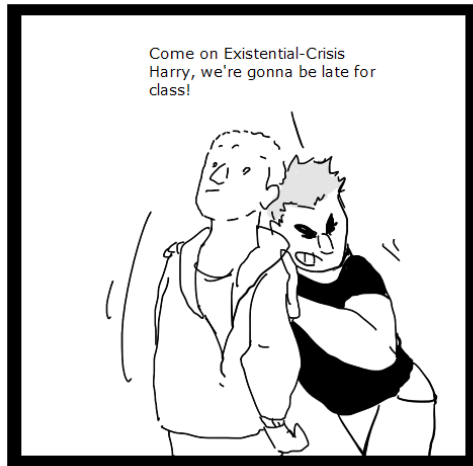
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6 TiVo predecessor

9 With 74-Across, what each of the answers to starred clues is

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15 Mobile setting: Abbr.

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18 Listen

20 \_\_ Balls: snacks

21 Hoedown honey

23 1841 French ballet heroine

24 Minn. winter hrs.

25 Gets into a seat

27 Compete for the America's Cup

28 "Gotcha"

29 \*Seller of Geoffrey Bandages

31 Tic \_\_ mints

32 Speck

34 Ryder Cup chant

35 "Lux" composer

36 Austere

38 Halloween reactions

40 Spare pieces?

43 \*Craftsman company

47 First name in shipping

50 Chalk holder

54 Price number

55 "Well, lah-di-\_\_!"

56 ESPN Deportes language

58 Many a Persian

59 Stringed instrument

61 Big headache

62 "Who Gets the Last Laugh?" network

63 Running things

65 Excessively

66 Common flight path

67 Tom Jones' last Top 10 hit

69 Birth-related

71 Let up

72 Up to, in store signs

73 Romantic text

74 With 9-Across, what the answers to starred clues form

**DOWN**

1 They catch busses at stadiums

2 NASA launch

3 Provide critical comments on

4 Fjord relative

5 \*Bullseye logo company

6 Depressed areas

7 Progressive Field team, on scoreboards

8 Sounded right

9 Cartoonist

10 Addams

11 Fine-tunes

12 Took courses at midnight?

13 Salad bar option

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By C.C. Burnikel

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33 Slip

37 "Way to go!"

39 "Captain Phillips" setting

41 Orchard unit

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46 \*Costco rival

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Staring down end of ECU career

Tyler Kelbaugh  
TEC STAFF

As senior night draws near, ECU basketball prepares itself for a difficult goodbye with some of the team's top leaders

Antonio Robinson, the Pirates 6-foot-4 starting point guard from Winston-Salem, has played two seasons for the Pirates. He was a transfer student from Louisburg College where, in order to better accommodate his teammates, he learned to play point guard.

"When I transferred into being a point guard my freshman year at college I was surrounded by a whole bunch of scorers," said Robinson. "I'm a scorer too, but someone needed to play point guard."

While also smoothly running the Pirates' offense, the senior has found himself playing an indispensable role anchoring ECU's zone defense. It's easy to find the guard on the court. He flies around the court with aggression, fighting for the loose ball, forcing turnovers and making things difficult for opposing offenses. His 47 steals rank third in the American Athletic Conference.

"I use my long length, a 6-foot-4 wingspan," said Robinson. "When I play I always try to get the turnover when my team needs me."

A quiet, low-key person by nature, Robinson says the fact that he's near the end of his ECU career hasn't fully sunk in. He has thought



Senior guard Antonio Robinson sizes up Connecticut's Ryan Boatright. Robinson is third in the conference in steals.

about his future however, and the point guard hopes that his future contains basketball.

"I do have a plan B," said Robinson. "I'd like to go into culinary arts school and finish with a career in that."

When looking back on Robinson's time in Greenville, it's impossible to overlook the major role he's played in so many signature upsets.

"Beating a couple teams, Cincinnati and Memphis, you know, they're big teams. Growing up and watching them, they were big time teams. Beating them at home was pretty cool."

Head Coach Lebo fawns over his senior guard, consistently noting him as the primary leader of this year's team.

"Flawless," said Lebo. "(He's) meant a lot to this basketball program. He's really been the pillar for what we're about: dependability, reliability, accountability and trust. When you talk about those things, you think about Antonio."

Robinson leaves ECU basketball in a much better place than he found it. ECU went from a bottom of the barrel team in a mediocre Conference USA to a middle of the pack squad in the much more competitive AAC. Behind him is a wave of promising young talent, and Lebo says the success his youth has had is in part thanks to the two senior leaders.

"(Antonio) has really been great with our young players from the standpoint of watching their approach to everyday," said Lebo. "He's helped their approach to the court, to the weight room, to academics and to do the right thing."

The guard from Winston-Salem sees a bright future for ECU basketball, passing on a little wisdom to the next generation of Pirate ballers.

"If you work hard, you'll get better each and every year," Robinson said. "They watch [Paris Roberts-Campbell and I], and they're already good. They're good players. It won't take that long for them to master the system."

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Basketball teams to face Temple Pirates set for senior night

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The final home game of the season is sure to be a good one, as ECU gears up for a rematch against a Temple Owls team desperately clawing for their NCAA tournament life.

"When you're talking about Temple basketball, you're talking about the eighth winningest program of all-time," said ECU Head Coach Jeff Lebo. "You're talking about a perennial NCAA tournament team and program. They're looking at this as a can't lose game for an NCAA tournament [berth]."

It's not the first time these teams have met this season, but for ECU, the previous meeting was nothing short of a disaster. When the teams met up in Philadelphia on Feb. 14, the Owls routed the Pirates by a score of 66-53.

"They killed it on the glass," said Lebo. "They've got the leading rebounder in the league with [Jaylen] Bond. They've got size. They defend."

Bond, Temple's junior forward, grabbed 16 rebounds and scored seven points against the Pirates in their previous meeting. Slowing down the big man could prove challenging for a Pirates team that ranks No. 284 in the nation in total rebounding.

"We need to box out the key players," said senior guard Antonio Robinson. "We need to play team basketball."

For the Pirates, there's also the difficult task of scoring against Temple's impressive defense to worry about. Terry Whisnant's 13 points led the way for all ECU scorers in the mid-February matchup, but Temple did not allow any other Pirate to score over 10 points.

Fortunately for ECU, the team has more than just the hunger for revenge propelling them forward. It's senior night in Greenville, and the emotional game will only feed off of what's sure to be a raucous crowd.

"A win would mean a lot. Especially on senior night," said senior guard Paris Roberts-Campbell. "I definitely want to go out with



Terry Whisnant sends off a pass early this year.

a win, especially against Temple. That'll be something I'll remember for the rest of my life."

In order to fulfill Roberts-Campbell's goal, ECU will need to do a much better job shooting the ball. On the road, the Pirates shot just 36 percent from the floor, going 8-for-22 from beyond the arc. They'll also need to prevent Temple from getting to the foul line, where the Owls attempted 25 shots last time these teams squared off.

Roberts-Campbell believes that the key to an ECU victory is simply playing harder. With the home crowd helping to rally the team, the senior guard believes that if he and his teammates can hit their shots they'll pull off the upset.

"It'd be a great win at home," Robinson said. "The last home game, with everyone seeing it, here at Greenville. I'd like to win one more home game here in Greenville."

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ECU Head Coach Heather Macy signals out plays to her team in a game earlier this season.

ECU ready for AAC tourney

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After coming up just a little short of their preseason projection of finishing third in the conference, the fifth-seeded ECU women's basketball team will travel to Uncasville, Conn., for the 2015 American Athletic Conference Championship.

The Lady Pirates (20-9, 11-7 AAC) will face fourth-seeded Temple (16-15, 12-6 AAC) in the quarterfinals at noon on Saturday at Mohegan Sun Arena.

Both ECU and Temple were rewarded with a first-round bye in the tournament for placing in the top five out of the eleven teams in the American. The winner of the matchup will move on to face defending National Champions, first-seeded Connecticut (28-1, 18-0 AAC) on Sunday.

The Temple Owls handed the Lady Pirates a 10-point loss on the road, less than a week ago, snapping ECU's season-high

six-game win streak. In that contest the Lady Pirates didn't look like themselves as they were limited to 28 total rebounds and committed sloppy fouls sending the Owls to the line 35 times.

ECU has averaged 41.8 rebounds per game this season. Temple is only the second team to hold the Lady Pirates under 30 rebounds in a single game. The first team to hold ECU under the 30-rebound threshold was UConn.

In their earlier meeting with the Owls, four of their starters scored in double figures. Temple's standout freshman, Erica Coville, lead all scorers with 22 points. During that game, ECU had poor shooting performances all around. However, the Pirates' junior forward I'Tiana Taylor had a strong offensive game and matched Coville's 22 points.

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**BASEBALL**

ECU (6-5) bested visiting Old Dominion on Wednesday, 9-7 behind a three-hit performance by catcher Travis Watkins.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

The Pirates (9-2) opened conference play with a 4-1 victory over Temple Wednesday.

**SOFTBALL**

The Lady Pirates (6-11) will prepare for the Hawaii Spring Fling Tournament this weekend.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

ECU (20-9, 11-7 AAC) gets ready for the AAC tournament this weekend in Connecticut. The team has a first round bye.

**MEN'S TENNIS**

ECU (8-6) topped the Temple Owls Wednesday afternoon in Greenville.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

The Pirates (13-16, 6-10 AAC) play Temple tonight for the senior night of Paris Roberts-Campbell, Antonio Robinson and Francis Edosomwan

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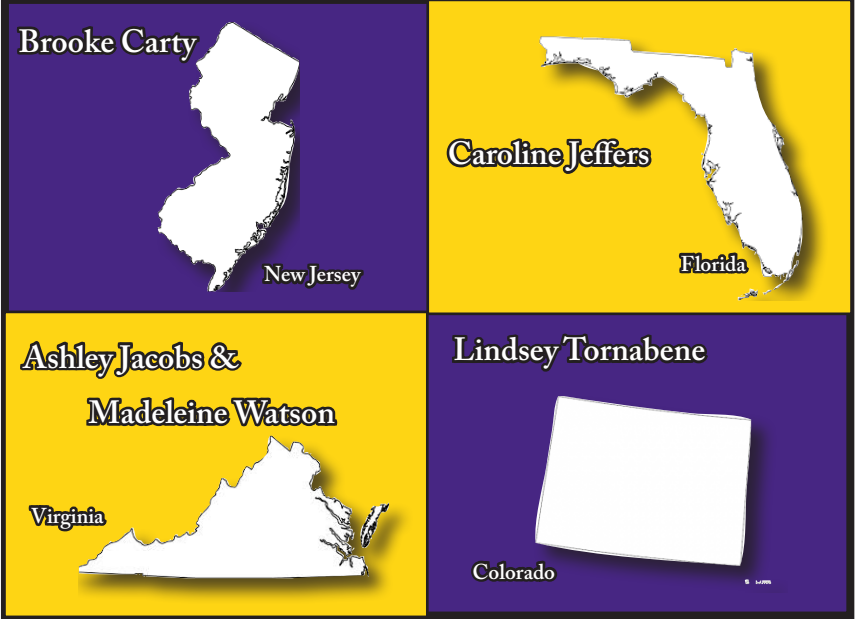
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# Soccer adds nine to 2015 class

## OUT OF STATE RECRUITS



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Megan Jones (21) plays defense on an attacker. She is part of the 2015 high school class.

## Pirates fill voids and build future

Kai Jones  
TEC STAFF

ECU women's soccer coach Rob Donnenwirth landed nine recruits on signing day to add to his 21 returning players from last year's 12-win team.

"We hit a lot of areas that we needed," said Donnenwirth.

The center back position is a position that the team needed most. The departure of seniors Kelly Johnson and Kelly Miller will certainly affect the team going into next season. However, Haley Patsey will be returning from an injury suffered last season.

Out of nine recruits, five

were out of state. Donnenwirth talked about his staff's recruiting methods. While many might think it is hard to recruit out of state, Donnenwirth thinks it's not as hard as people may think.

"We try to turn over every rock. Lots of kids are more mobile now," said Donnenwirth. "I think ECU is a great place."

ECU can offer a lot for recruits, Donnenwirth highlighted the Olympic sports facility and the facility that is being built. Donnenwirth made it clear that he just wants to make sure that no matter what the recruits are happy.

"I just hope our recruits

happy whether it's here or somewhere else," said Donnenwirth.

Donnenwirth's methods are evidently working as he has the most wins in school history with 146 in his 16 years at ECU.

But Donnenwirth has high expectations for the 2015 season. He has set his goal at winning the team's first American Athletic Conference title in 2015.

"We have high expectations," said Donnenwirth. "The great thing about getting to the semifinals is everyone got a taste of it."

While Donnenwirth returns 21 of 27 players from

last year's team that made the conference semifinals, he insists that every recruit will get to compete to play.

"All these players have an opportunity to compete," said Donnenwirth.

Brooke Carty would be a player to watch out of the incoming freshman class. Donnenwirth also talked about how sometimes a player will surprise you negatively or

positively so he didn't want to name a lot of players. The recruiting class includes out of state recruits like Carty of New Jersey, Ashley Jacobs of Virginia, Madeleine Watson of Virginia, Caroline Jeffers of Florida and Lindsey Tornabene of Colorado.

The class also includes Greenville's Megan Jones, Cary's Courtney Cash, Durham's Zoe Crabtree and

Raleigh's Ashley Kendrot.

The soccer team is coming off a 12-8-1 season, its best since the 2008 season. The impressive recruiting class brought in by Donnenwirth and his staff will only build on to the team's current strengths and fill voids left by the graduating class.

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# Senior finding her groove

## Christian building on previous season's success

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Throughout her collegiate career, senior Sarah Christian has proved to her coaches and her teammates that she belongs in the pitchers circle.

Christian was raised in Greenville and played softball at nearby D.H. Conley High School, just miles away from the ECU campus.

She finished her high school career with several accolades that include helping her team win its first state championship title, as well as being a four-time North Carolina Softball Coaches Association All-State Selection. Christian went on to finish her senior season with 118 strikeouts, 71 hits, in her 142 and two-thirds innings pitched.

During her first season as a Pirate, she finished with an 18-16 record and a 3.61 ERA. Her 18 victories ranked her fifth in the league and the third most freshman in program history. She was also entered in the program's record book with most innings pitched and appearances as a rookie.

Her sophomore campaign earned her a spot on the North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association (NCCSIA) Softball Second Team. Christian finished the



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Senior pitcher Sarah Christian lets go of a pitch last season.

season with a 2.94 ERA as she led the Pirates with 15 wins, 104 strikeouts and 169 innings pitched.

Last season, Christian earned the Conference USA Pitcher-of-the-week honor twice. Only two other players in the league earned the recognition multiple times that season.

She earned a 2.81 ERA

and posted a 17-10 record with 121 strikeouts in 181 and two-thirds innings pitched.

The Pirates went on to compete in the semifinal game in the C-USA tournament, but concluded their season with a loss against Marshall, 8-7.

"The conference tournament was really fun," said Christian. "We bonded as

"I think if we put everything together, we'll be successful."

-Sarah Christian

a team. That was a great memory for me."

The success that the team had last season hasn't transferred into this season, so far. But despite the team's 6-11 record this season, Christian feels comfortable on the mound.

"I don't think our record really indicates how well we've done," said Christian. "We've struggled a little bit, but at the same time, we really fought hard. I think if we put everything together, we'll be successful."

The senior pitched a 2.12 ERA in 43 innings and has started eight games so far this season.

She has also struck out 25 batters so far. Christian shutout Seton Hall in seven

innings of work. She only allowed six hits, struck out five and walked three.

"I think [my season] is good, I obviously think I can improve," said Christian. "I feel more confident this season. It's my last time so I feel like I figured out my pitches more. I want to improve, and keep on improving so I can put my team in a better spot."

The senior is ready to start a new chapter in her life, but is sad to end her softball career.

Christian hopes to earn a victory after a seven game losing streak in Honolulu, Hawaii, in the Hawaii Spring Fling Tournament this weekend.

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Five of Temple's players average more than 10 points per game and are led by Alliya Butts, who averages 12.8 points per game. Along with being the team's second leading scorer at 11.2 points per game, Coville leads the team in rebounds with 8.4 boards a game. Tanaya Atkinson averages seven rebounds per game.

It's evident that for the Lady Pirates to win and move on to the next round, they'll have to get back to playing tough defense and rebounding.

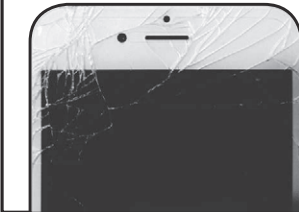
In their last regular season game on Monday against UCF (9-20, 5-13 AAC), where ECU won at home on senior night, the Pirates recorded 25 offensive rebounds (46 total) and shot 18-for-19 from the free throw line.

"This was not the team I coached Saturday (against Temple)," said Head Coach Heather Macy. "It's a night and day difference. When you look at both of the stat lines, these are the key numbers to winning."

The conference semifinal and conference finals will be nationally televised games.

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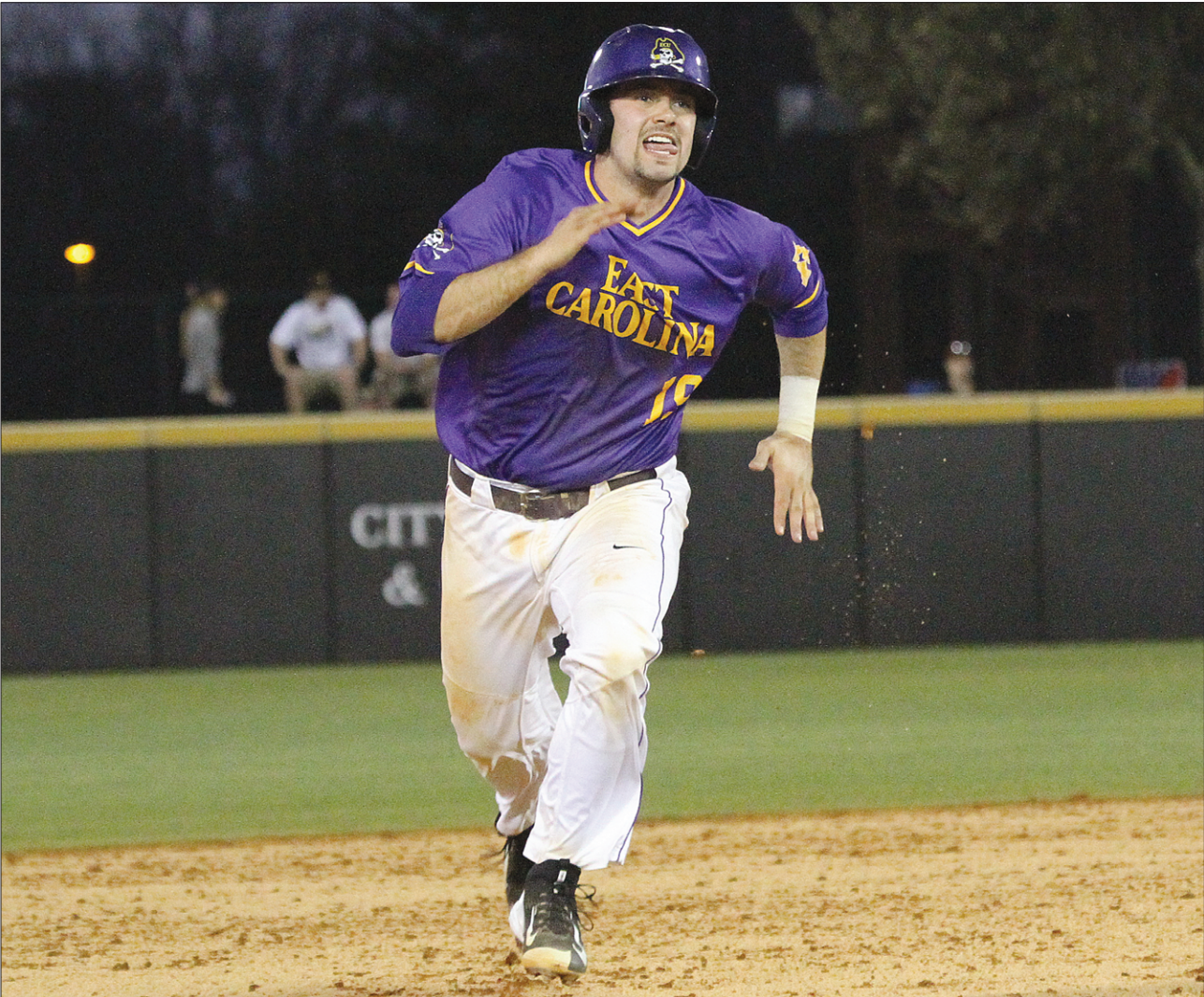
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# Pirates split midweek games



Travis Watkins heads for third base in ECU's win over Old Dominion. The redshirt sophomore was 3-for-4 with an RBI in the game.

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## Pirates top ODU after loss to Wolfpack

Adam Decker  
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The ECU baseball team split a pair of midweek games this week as they defeated the Old Dominion Monarchs yesterday, 9-7, and lost to the North Carolina State Wolfpack today, 7-0.

Pirates seemed to get any type of momentum.

The Pirates had a three-run first inning and ODU followed it up with three runs of its own in the second.

Both teams traded runs throughout the remainder of the game, never allowing the other one to run away with the lead.

The most intense inning of perhaps the Pirates' season

was in the top of the eighth. Reliever Kirk Morgan allowed a leadoff solo home run and was replaced with a runner on second and one out.

With ECU up 7-6, freshman pitcher Joe Ingle replaced Morgan and after walking two runners and striking one out, the bases were loaded with two outs.

Catcher Travis Watkins

calmed down Ingle multiple times throughout the inning, trying to keep the freshman poised.

"He kept coming out and was saying to settle down and throw your best pitch," Ingle said. "That's one of the best catchers I've ever thrown to in my whole life."

Ingle started the at bat throwing two straight balls but battled back and struck

ODU's cleanup hitter, Taylor Ostrich, out on a 3-2 pitch to end the inning with the Pirates still up by one.

"That was a fastball away on that lefty," Ingle said. "It was on the corner no doubt, on the black but he [Watkins] did a great job framing that up."

ECU then cushioned its lead a little, scoring two more runs by stealing home plate on two passed balls.

The Pirates were out hit by the Monarchs as ECU scored nine runs on nine hits and ODU tallied seven runs on 13 hits.

"Our starting pitching has been great all year and we need some guys to step up," ECU Head Coach Cliff Godwin said. "We score three runs, they score three runs and we just kept battling."

Reid Love made his first start of the season on the mound in Wednesday's win. The senior worked five innings and allowed four runs (three earned) on seven hits. He had just one walk but only managed to strikeout one Monarch batter in the game.

Godwin gave Love a few opportunities to work out of the bullpen earlier in the season but lacked the consistency he showed late last season. Godwin may be looking to integrate Love as a weekend starter again. Midweek games are a good opportunity for Love to start to stretch out his innings of work.

The win over ODU came after much anticipation, as there were two weather cancellations before both teams could battle it out yesterday.

The Pirates lost a showdown against N.C. State on

Tuesday, 7-0, as they struggled to find their bats with the absence of Lowery.

N.C. State's pitching was dominant and only allowed five ECU hits and forced the Pirates into a shutout for the first time this season. The Pirates were a dismal 0-9 with runners in scoring position.

The Pirate offense had a great weekend series against the University of Albany but the Wolfpack pitching cooled the Pirates hot bats.

State used six different pitchers on the day, all of which had at least one strikeout. Using an abundance of pitchers usually indicates a struggling pitching staff, which was not the case for State on Tuesday.

"N.C. State's guys were pretty good yesterday, they threw their best relievers at us," Godwin said about the offensive difference between the two games. "Today, you just have to have a different approach against every guy. I thought our guys did a good job manufacturing runs."

Jimmy Boyd had his first career start for ECU against the Wolfpack. Boyd pitched four scoreless innings before giving up a two run home run to Logan Ratledge, the only runs he allowed.

The ECU bullpen took over for Boyd in the seventh inning and allowed the Wolfpack to register five more unanswered runs.

The Pirates will look to capture their second consecutive weekend sweep when they battle against the (0-6) Monmouth Blue Hawks in a series that will begin on Friday.

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